

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Memorandum

TO: Planning Committee DATE: March 10, 2008

FR: Executive Director W. I.

RE: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Transportation 2035 Plan

MTC, as the Lead Agency, will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Transportation 2035 Plan in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Notice of Preparation (NOP) is intended to seek comments with specific detail about the scope and content of the environmental information that will be evaluated in the EIR. **Attachment A** to this memo is the full NOP.

The Transportation 2035 Plan is a master plan required by state and federal planning law to guide the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area Region's transportation investments over the next 25 years. The program-level EIR for the Transportation 2035 Plan will analyze the broad, regional environmental impacts of implementing the investments identified in the plan. Environmental resource areas to be evaluated in this EIR include transportation, air quality, energy, climate change, geology and seismicity, biological resources, water resources, visual resources, noise, cultural resources, population, housing and social environment, and land use.

Two regional scoping meetings were held to solicit input on the scope and content of the Draft EIR.

Monday, March 10, 2008 10:00 a.m. to Noon Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Claremont Conference Room (See receptionist on 3rd Floor) 101 Eighth Street Oakland, CA 94607 Thursday, March 13, 2008 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium 101 Eighth Street Oakland, CA 94607

Comments must be received by MTC by no later than March 21, 2008. Send comments to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607 (attention: Ashley Nguyen, EIR Project Manager).

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